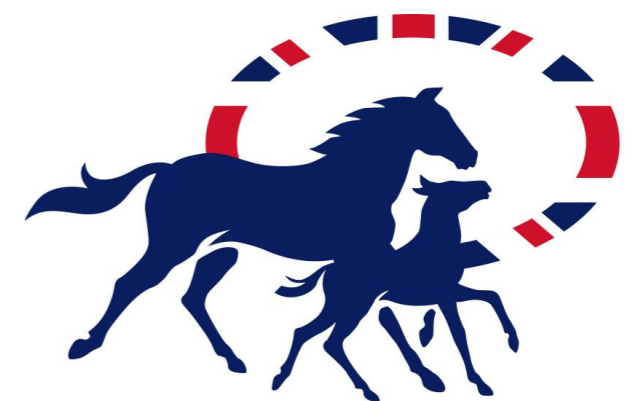


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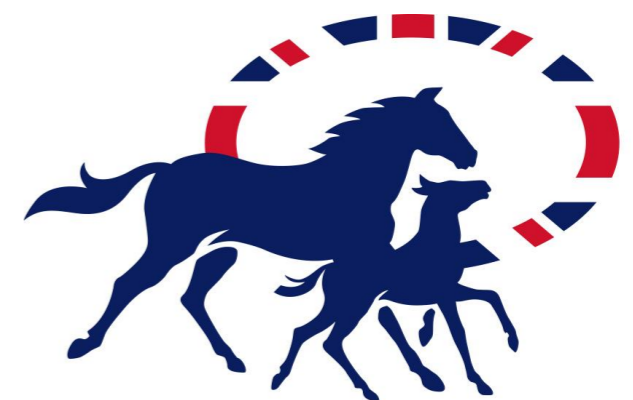
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# Impact of the Environment Bill on the Equine Sector

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# Legislative Changes and Government Objectives

## What changes have taken place and are expected?

- Government's 25 Year Environmental Plan – approach to protecting and enhancing landscapes and habitats for the next generation
- Climate Change Act (amended 2019) – pledged to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050
- Agriculture Act (2020) – phasing out of the Basic Payments EU CAP Scheme
- **Environment Bill** – still passing through the House of Lords
- New Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) – to be introduced, which will award public monies for public goods, that may not have a high commercial value

# What environmental markers will be assessed?

## Farm Level

- Enhanced air quality
- Improved water quality
- Thriving wildlife and increased biodiversity
- Soil health
- Flood mitigation measures
- Public access and heritage preservation

## Landscape Level

- Biodiversity net gain – working with bordering properties to bring about positive changes across a landscape





# What steps are the TBA taking to help breeders?

## Evaluating the Current Position

- As a low input, grassland management sector, breeders are likely to already be making a positive impact.
- Funding secured from the Racing Foundation to carry out case study Environmental Impact Assessments and carbon calculations on two stud farms (completed, results awaited).

## Researching Initiatives in Other Countries

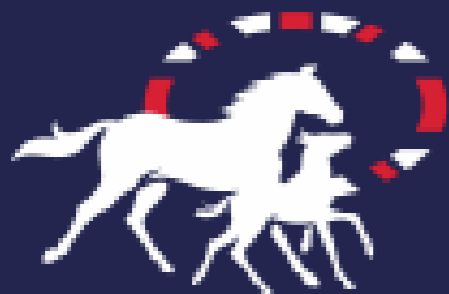
- The French have a Scheme (EquuRES) which awards points for working towards high standards of sustainability and welfare, which are recognised when accessing Government funding.
- European Thematic Network.

## Looking to Collaborate and Share Resources

- With other sectors of the Thoroughbred industry and also throughout the broader equine community.

# Where do I start?

- Composting/recycling of manure
- Covered muck heaps
- Renewable energy sources – solar panels and wind turbines
- Electric equipment/machinery
- Grass/herb seed mixes suitable for grazing
- Wildflower meadows/walkways/margins
- Planting Trees (England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) Scheme)
- Stoned gateways and positioning of gateways on higher ground
- Reinforced grass car parks
- Green walls/rooves
- Rainwater catchment/gardens
- Reduced programmes of mowing/topping/hedge cutting
- Cross drains
- Sediment traps



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